

Minutes from BLSG Meeting, February 16, 2017

Present: Board Members--Ben Lawton, Brad Lawes, Kit Shaw, Wayne Rausenberger, Jeff Smith, Jeff Whiting, John Havenstock, and Pete Hare;
Employees—Will Mathis and Kerry White

Ben Lawton called meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. December minutes were approved (moved by Wayne; 2nd by Jeff Smith)
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - Equipment and Replacement Fund has a balance of \$9,736
 - General Checking has balance of \$83,619
 - Received payment from Brandon of \$8,326
 - Final payment on mortgage will be made week of Feb. 20
 - We have made \$383 in interest payments on the ARGO since purchasing it in July 2016
3. Wayne recommended to board members that they remind folks at Town Meetings about to need to call the BLSG hotline with any questions or concerns about spraying. If people do not want to have their property sprayed with adulticide they need to write the BLSG and include a map (such as a tax map) showing the boundaries of the property, 911 address and phone number.
4. We are looking into Compatible Use Authorization for all properties in wetland reserves.
5. Pesticide General Permit renewal- We do not yet have information for the 2017 permit. In the meantime, we are able to operate under our 2016 permit.
6. Will Mathis will submit permit for aerial spraying. Three weeks prior to first spraying, he will notify the appropriate media sources that the BLSG will be applying larvicide and adulticide. He will also post notices in town offices.
7. Kerry White was on hand to report on the Regional Mosquito Convention in Massachusetts, which she attended in December. Highlights:
 - Common theme—most areas in New England experienced fewer mosquitoes in 2016.
 - Learned new techniques for larvae dipping
 - Learned different ways other districts collect information
 - Worked with Alan Graham on mapping

- Networked with various people
8. Motion to move meeting time to 3rd Thursday of each month was approved (moved by Jeff Whiting, 2nd by Pete)
 9. Will Mathis gave several updates:
 - BLSG needs two trucks. Brad Lawes will investigate.
 - Will will write our IPM
 - Will recommends we reroof the shed
 - We will purchase a trailer for the Argo this spring
 - Will recommends we get 6 new light traps
 - Will plans to service the ATV
 - Motion passed to rent a port-a-potty for the season (moved by Brad L; 2nd Ben L)
 10. Pollinator Protection Plan—Fred Putman will write this for the BLSG.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Hare
Secretary